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Stan Lee
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TWO RIVERS

"ALL CALM IS SHATTERED AS RUSHING, SWARMING MEN FILL THE ROOM: THE SNIGLERS LED BY KOGAR...AND IN THEIR COMPANY...TARR?!"

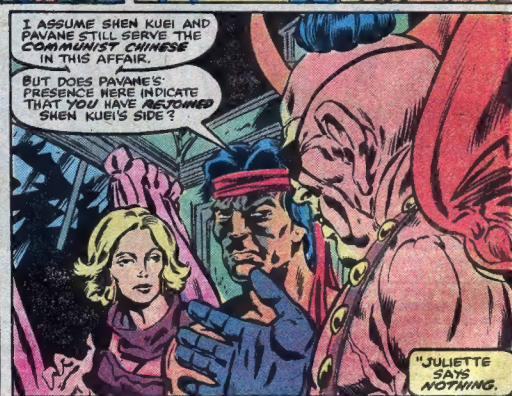
AH, JULIETTE, MY FORMER ALLY, I SEE YOU HAVE FOUND A PRO-TECTOR. BUT NO MATTER...

I HAVE COME FOR THE GOODS YOU HAVE FAILED TO DELIVER, SELFISHLY KEEPING THEM FOR YOURSELF-- AND I WILL HAVE THEM, NO MATTER WHO PROTECTS YOU.

HEE HEE HEE!

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WAIT-- NO NEED TO **REPLY**. THE STATE OF PAVANE'S **CONSCIOUSNESS** HAS ALREADY TOLD ME THE ANSWER. BUT **WHY** IS SHE UNCONSCIOUS--

--AND **WHERE** HAVE YOU HIDDEN THE **CRATES**?

"JULIETTE LOOKS AT ME, BUT **AGAIN** SAYS NOTHING.

WELL, I NEVER REALLY EXPECTED YOU TO ANSWER.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD TRY A **DIFFERENT** APPROACH.

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME HOW YOU KNOW JULIETTE'S **YOUNG** ~~PROTECTOR~~ **BLACK JACK BLUE**?

UH... WELL, THE CHINAMAN AND ME WERE **MERCENARIES** TOGETHER.

HE'S A **GOOD** MAN, KOGAR...

...BUT WORKING FOR A **BAD** SIDE-- THE **WRONG** SIDE. YET, IF HE IS SUCH A **GOOD** MAN, I CAN'T POSSIBLY **KILL** HIM, CAN I?

"**BLUE**--? THEN TARR HAS TAKEN A **COVER** NAME, THE SAME ONE USED BY **ARISTON** DURING THE **VELDRO** ASSIGNMENT..."

CAN'T BLOW MY **COVER** YET-- JUST GOTTA RELY ON CHI'S SPUNK TO SAVE **HIMSELF**.

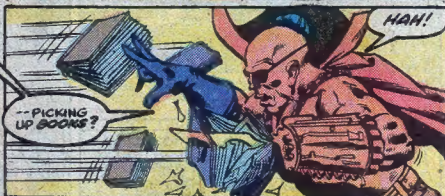
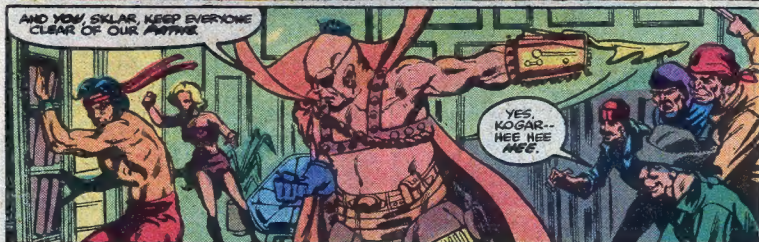
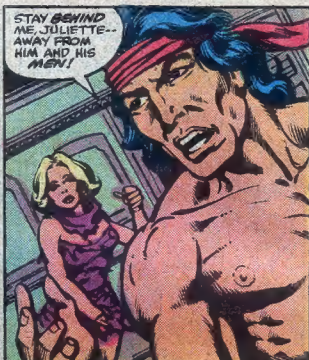
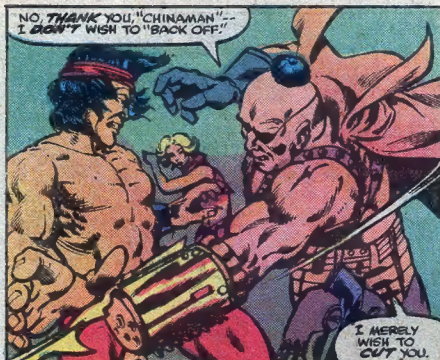
NO... I DON'T MIND.

AND YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY MIND IF I TRY, CAN YOU, **BLACK JACK BLUE**?

GOOD.

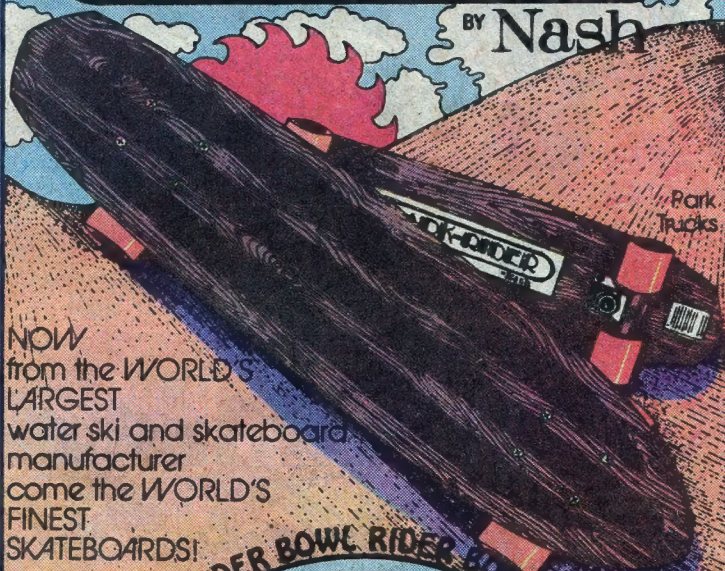
WAIT KOGAR-- THIS FIGHT IS YOUR MAKING. IF YOU WISH TO **BACK** OFF, I WILL NOT--!

MAN!



PARK-RIDER

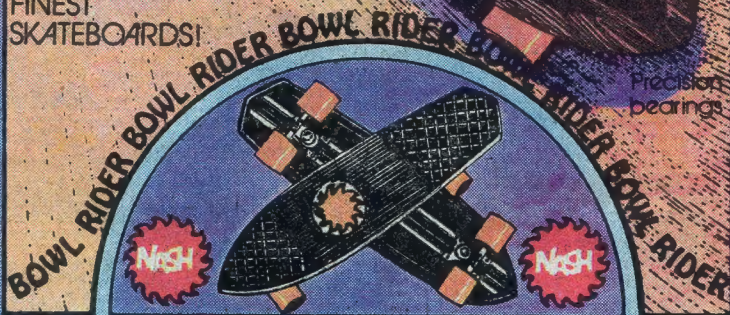
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ANOTHER
ARM, YOU
KNOW.

A
FULL
ONE.

HWAK

UHN--!

"FOR A LARGE
MAN... HE IS
FAST.

"AND FOR A MANIPULATOR
OF WORDS... HE SPEAKS
WELL TO THE BLUNT POINT:
I HAD OVERLOOKED IT.



SKRASH

"I AM
SORRY.

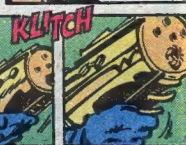
AND NOW, SINCE
MY BLADE HAS
PROVEN SO
DULL-WITTED
AGAINST YOU...



...I THINK
IT IS TIME
TO LAY IT
TO BED...



KLAK



KLITCH



...AND TO
AWAKEN A NEW
INVASION FROM
MY ARSENAL...



...ONE MORE
EFFECTIVE...

SPRONG

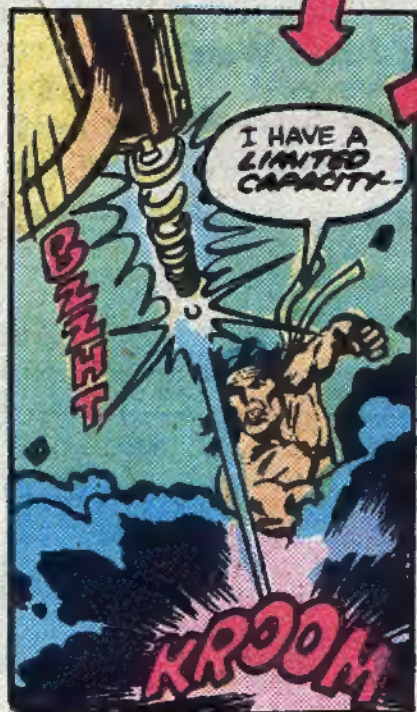
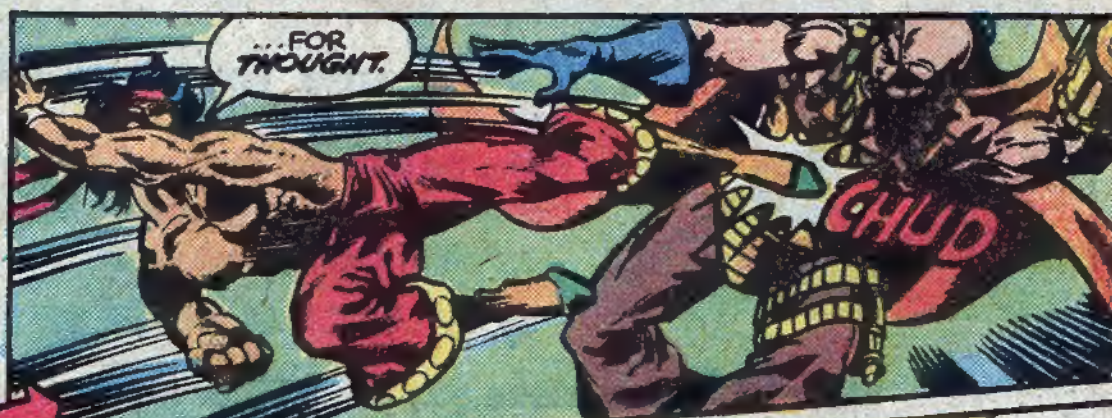
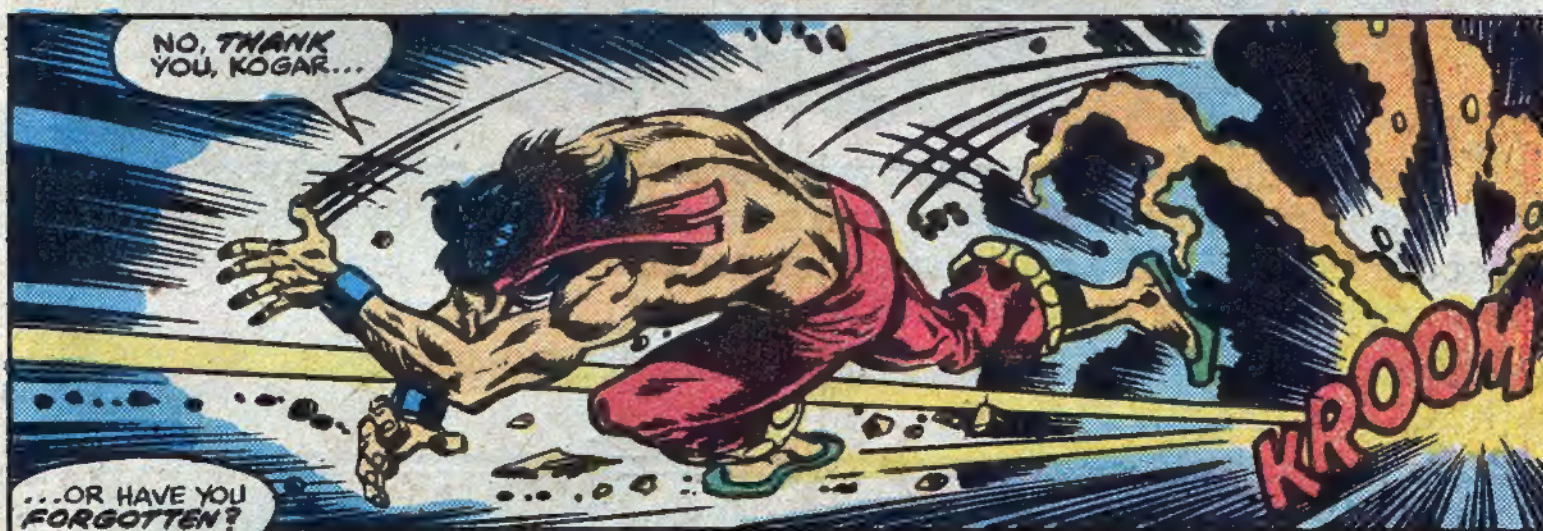


-- AT LONG
RANGE.



INDEED, THE ONE WHICH
SLEW THE DOG WHO TOOK
MY ARM.

AND MY
EYE.



A vibrant, stylized illustration of a vampire. The vampire has a large, pale face with wide, staring eyes and a massive, toothy grin showing sharp fangs. He has dark, slicked-back hair and pointed ears. He is wearing a black suit jacket over a white shirt and a yellow cross necklace. He is holding a small, pale, screaming figure in his hands. The background is a dark blue night sky with silhouettes of trees, a castle, and flying bats. The illustration has a textured, almost woven appearance.



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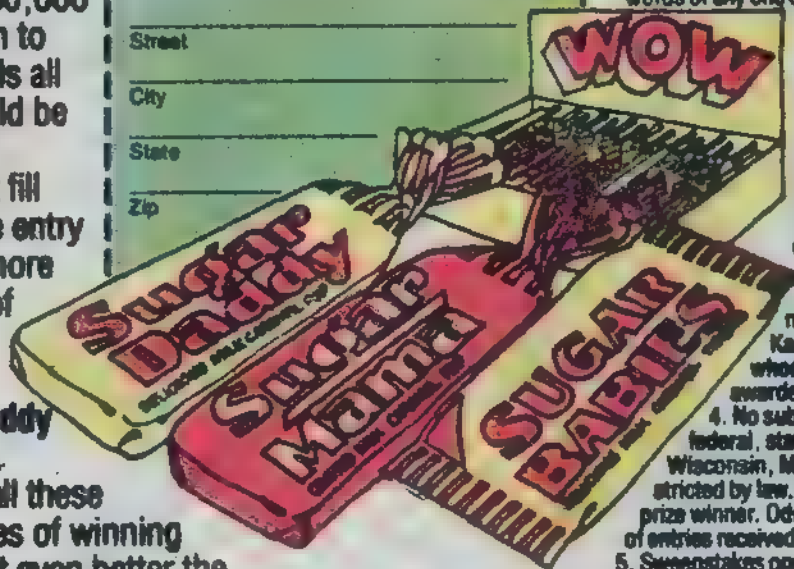
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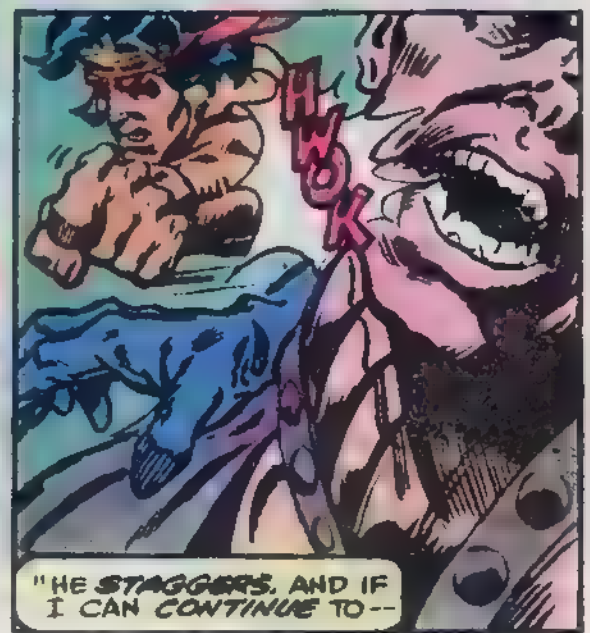
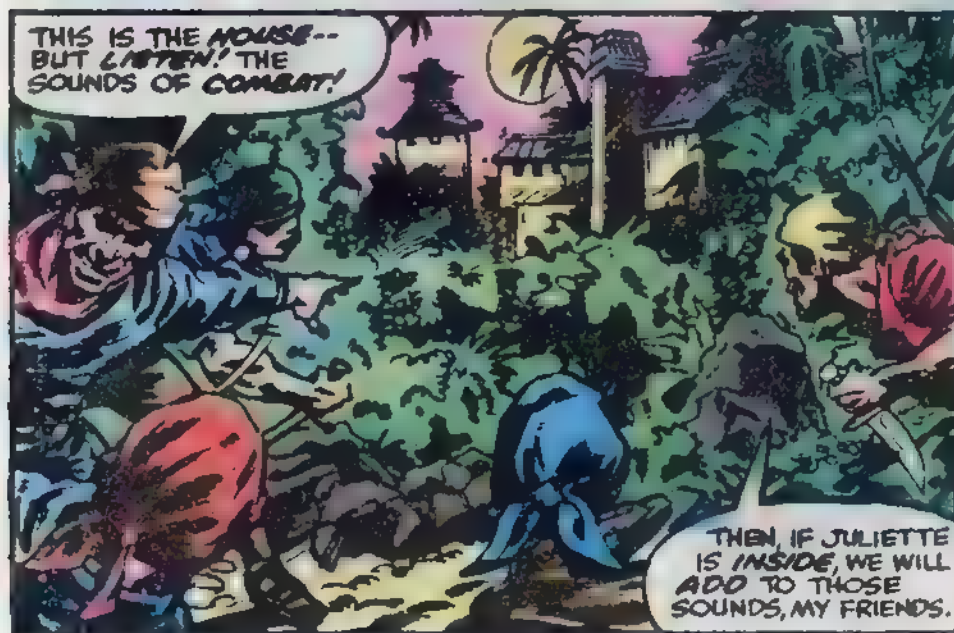
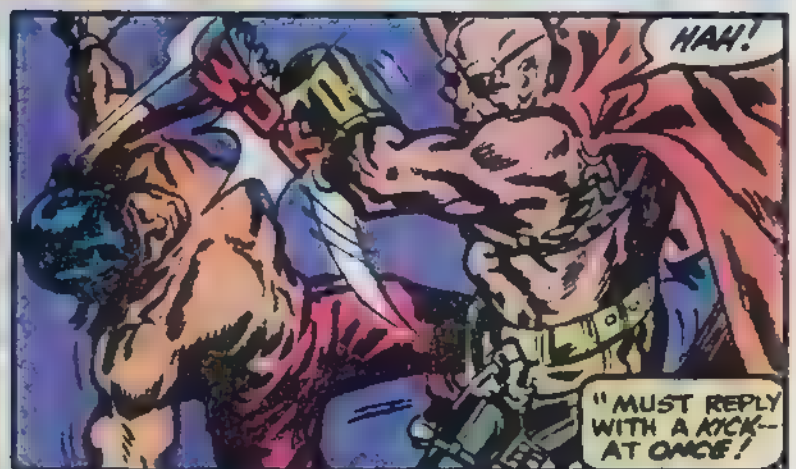
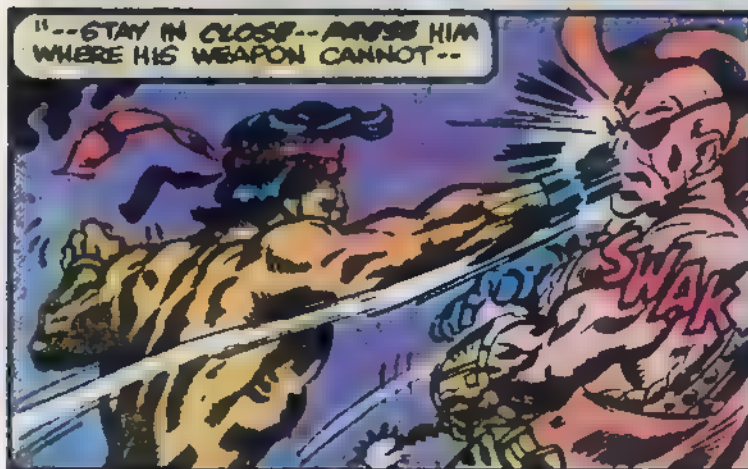
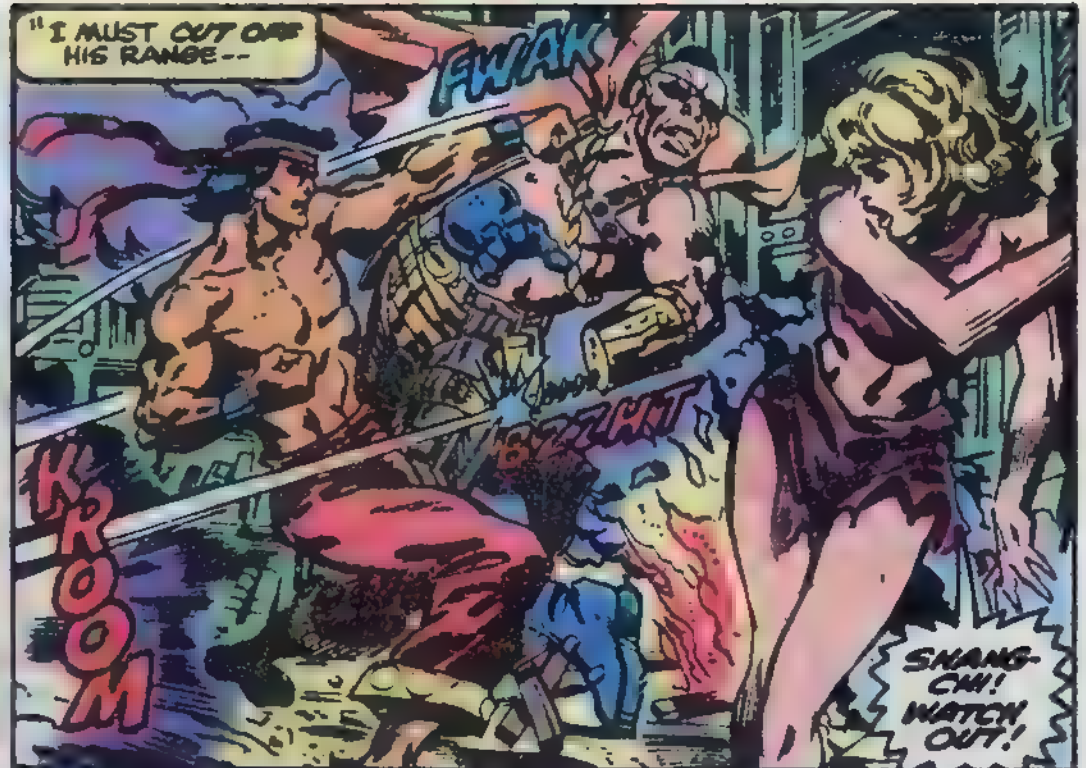
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FOR JULIETTE!



WHO--?

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SHANG-CHI.

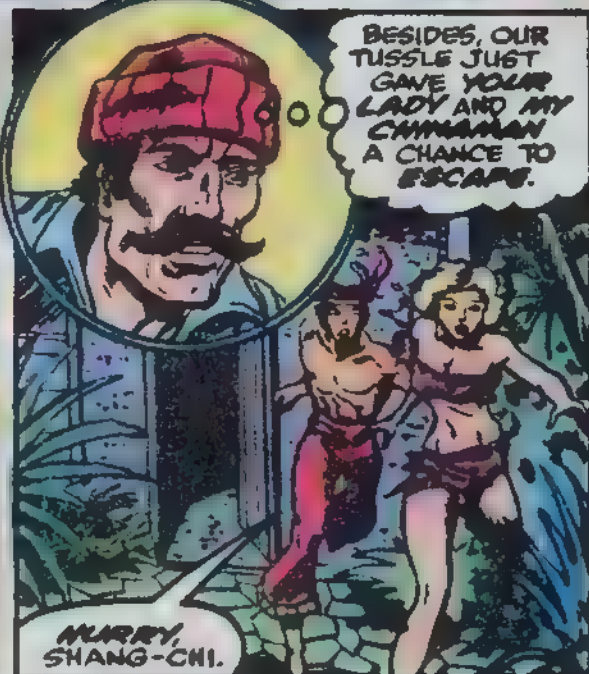
BUT THEY
CANNOT HOPE
TO WIN
AGAINST--!

THEY KNOW--
AND FIGHT ONLY
FOR MY SAFETY.



SORRY, PAL, BUT
GOTTA KEEP UP
APPEARANCES.

SWAK



BESIDES, OUR
TUSSELE JUST
GAVE YOUR
LADY AND MY
CHINAMAN
A CHANCE TO
ESCAPE.

HURRY,
SHANG-CHI.



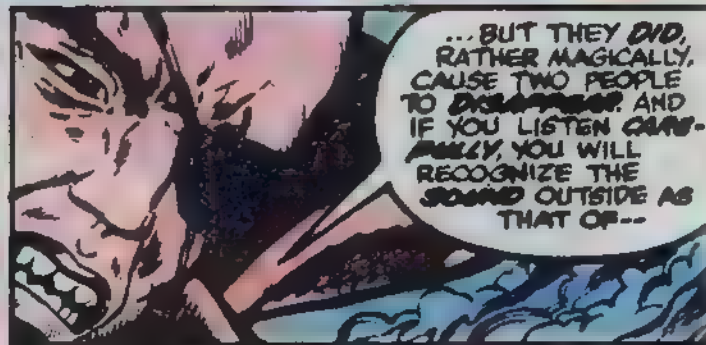
TO THE
BOAT!

"THE BOAT...AND
THE DAMNED
CRATES."

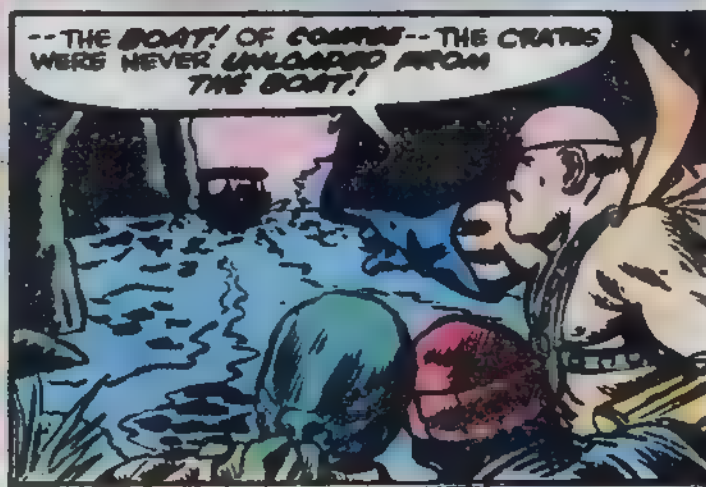


THAT'S THE
LAST OF 'EM,
KOGAR. DIDN'T
GIVE US MUCH
OF A FIGHT,
DID THEY?

NO, BLACK
JACK BLUE...



... BUT THEY DID,
RATHER MAGICALLY,
CAUSE TWO PEOPLE
TO ~~DISAPPEAR~~. AND
IF YOU LISTEN CARE-
FULLY, YOU WILL
RECOGNIZE THE
SOUND OUTSIDE AS
THAT OF--



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WERE NEVER UNLOADED FROM
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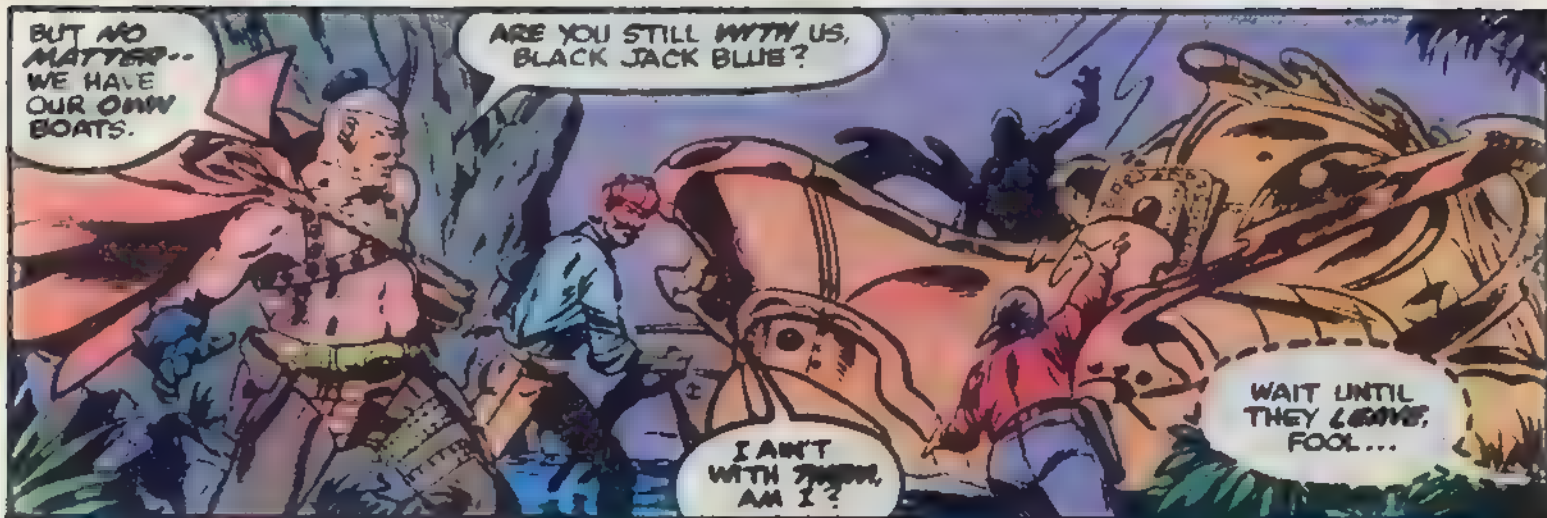
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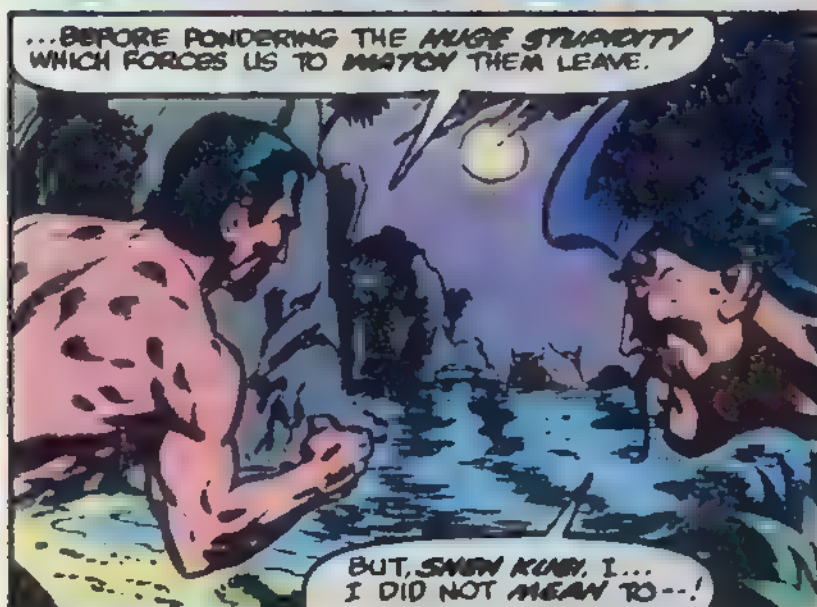


BUT NO MATTER-- WE HAVE OUR OWN BOATS.

ARE YOU STILL WITH US, BLACK JACK BLUE?

I AMT WITH THEM, AM I?

WAIT UNTIL THEY LEAVE, FOOL...



...BEFORE PONDERING THE HUGE STUPIDITY WHICH FORCES US TO WATCH THEM LEAVE.

BUT, SWAN KING, I... I DID NOT MEAN TO--!

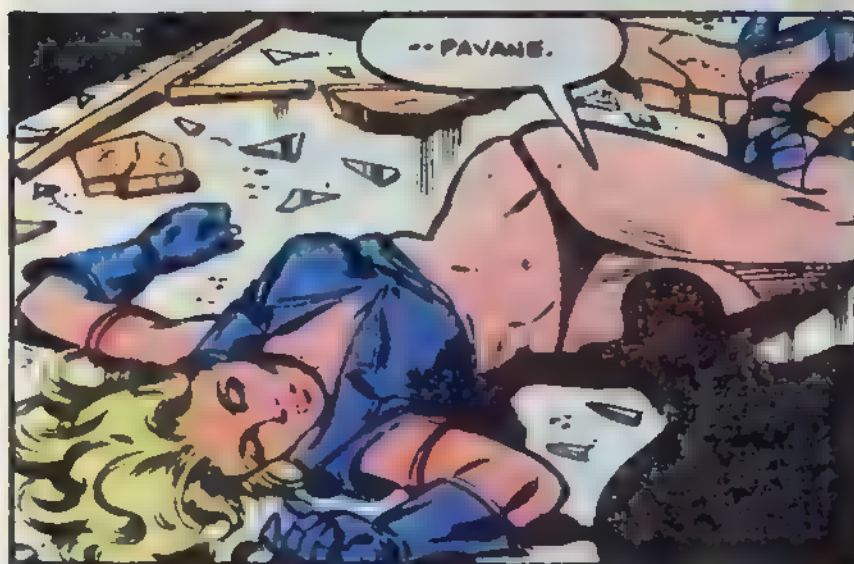


SILENCE, SO-CALLED "SKULLCRUSHER."

FIND A BOAT.

FAST.

I WILL WAIT HERE... WITH--



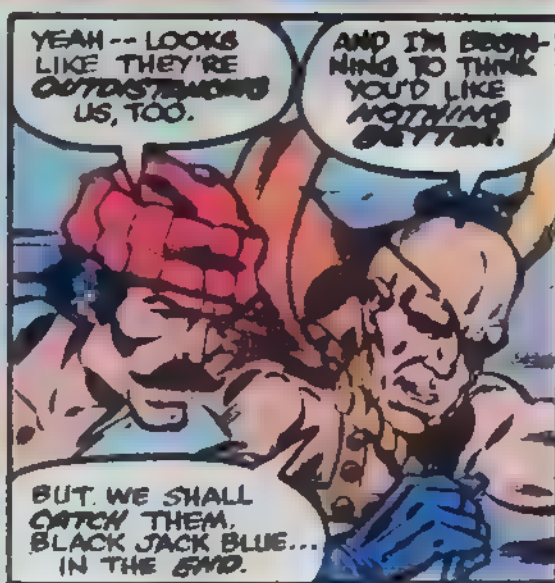
--PAVANE.



I PROMISE YOU, PAVANE, THEY WILL PAY FOR THIS.



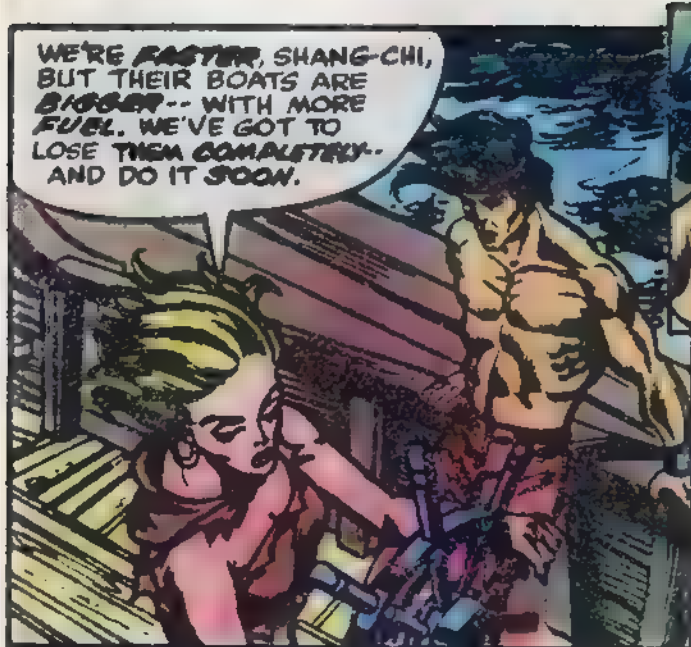
STOP WASTING EXPENSIVE AMMUNITION-- THEY'RE STILL BEYOND RANGE!



YEAH-- LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE OUTDISTANCING US, TOO.

AND I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER.

BUT WE SHALL CATCH THEM, BLACK JACK BLUE... IN THE END.



WE'RE **FASTER**, SHANG-CHI, BUT THEIR BOATS ARE **BIGGER**-- WITH MORE **FUEL**. WE'VE GOT TO LOSE THEM **COMPLETELY**-- AND DO IT **SOON**.



CAN WE?



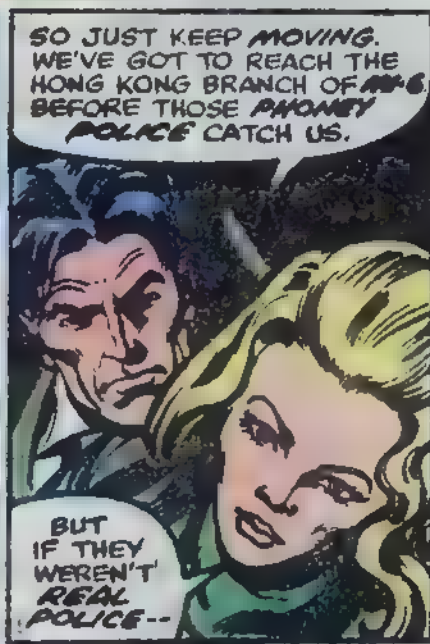
I'LL LET YOU KNOW... WHEN WE REACH THE **PORT**...

...IF WE REACH IT.



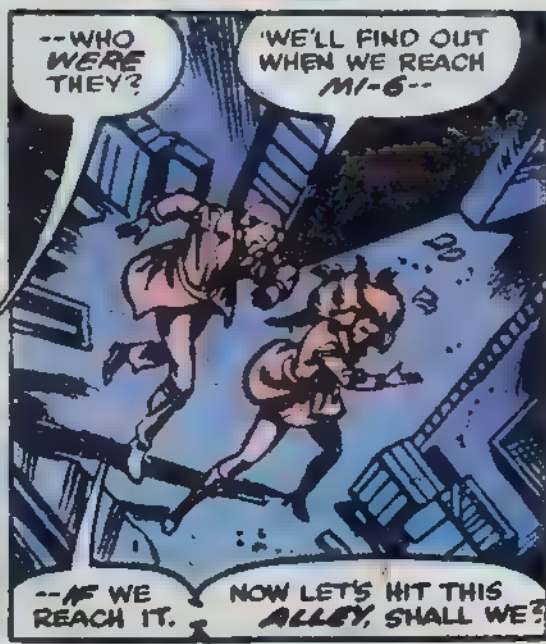
NOW WHAT, MR. **SECRET AGENT** **WATSON**?

EASY, MELISSA-- YOU WANTED **EXCITEMENT**.



SO JUST KEEP **MOVING**. WE'VE GOT TO REACH THE **HONG KONG BRANCH OF M-6** BEFORE THOSE **PHONEY** **POLICE** CATCH US.

BUT IF THEY WEREN'T **REAL** **POLICE**--



--WHO **WERE** THEY?

'WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE REACH **M-6**--

--IF WE REACH IT.

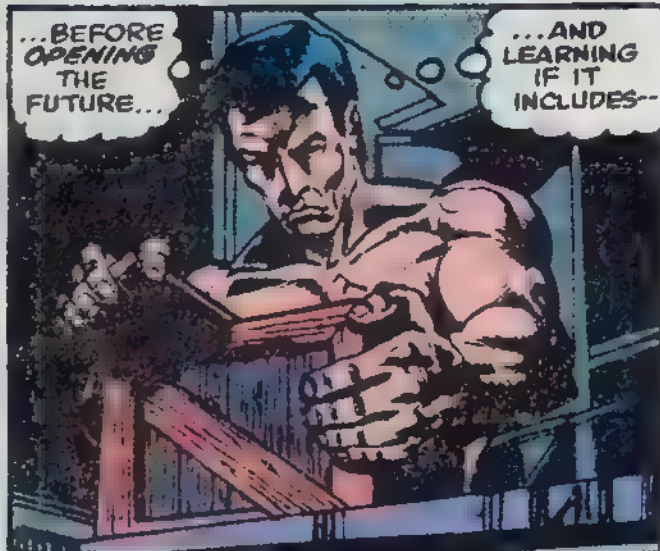
NOW LET'S HIT THIS **ALLEY**, SHALL WE?



THEN AT LEAST **ONE** OF THE **CRATES** WAS BROUGHT HERE TO THE **STOREHOUSE**... AND **ONE** IS ENOUGH TO **REVEAL** THE **FUTURE**.



BUT SINCE I CANNOT LEAVE **PAYANE** **UNGUARDED**, I WILL RETURN TO THE **HOUSE**...



...BEFORE **OPENING** THE **FUTURE**...

...AND **LEARNING** IF IT **INCLUDES**--



--**DEATH**.

THEN... YOU **GO** IT, **SHEN KUEI**...?

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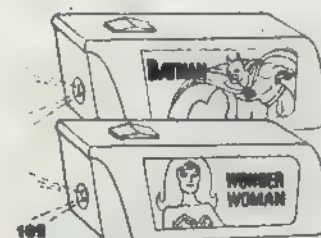
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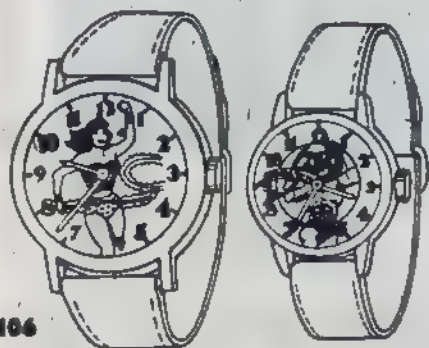
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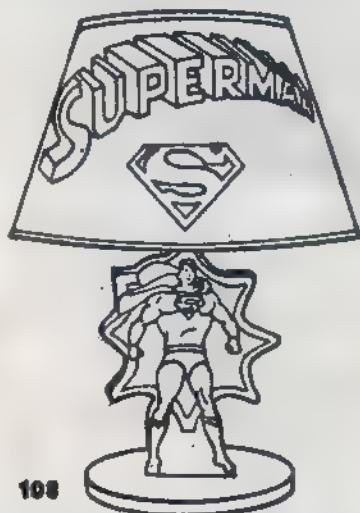
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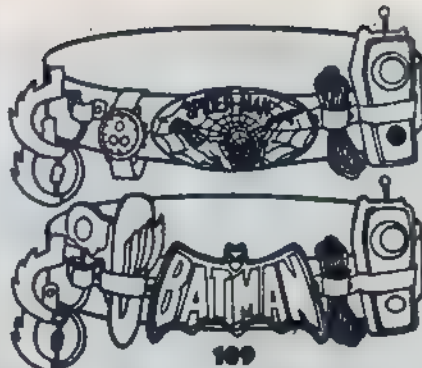
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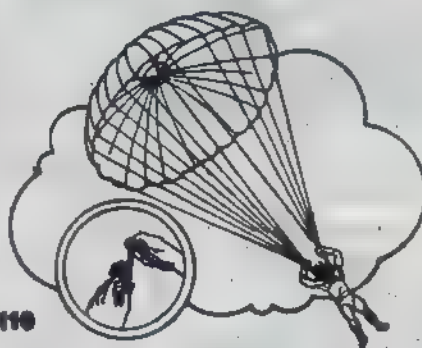
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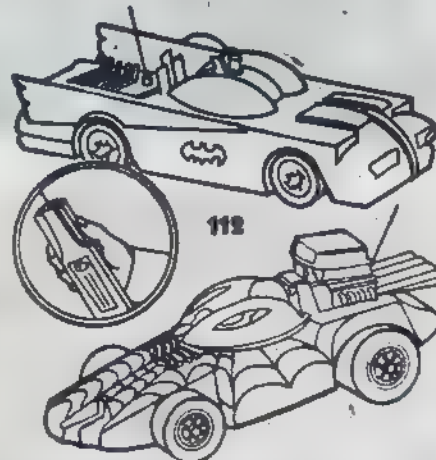
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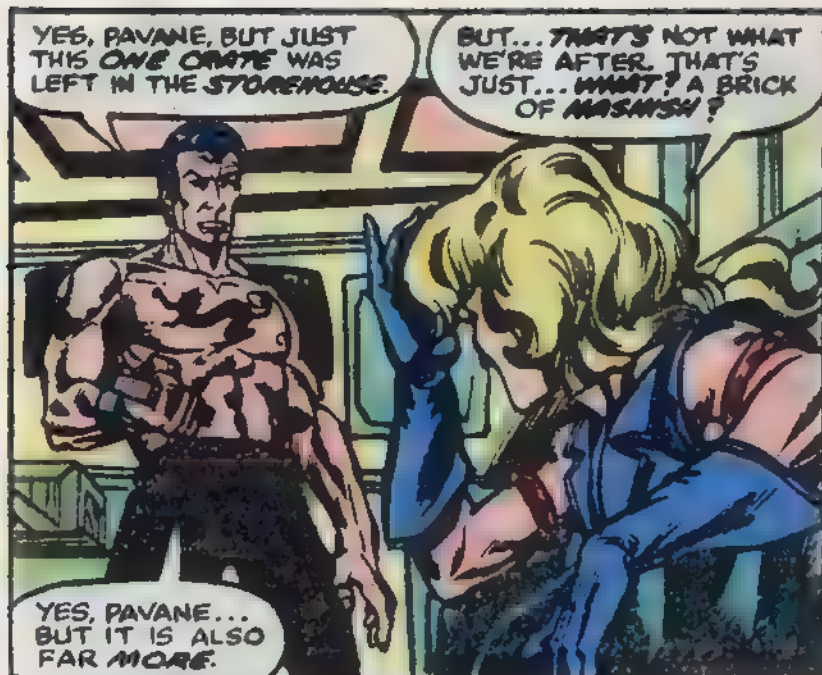
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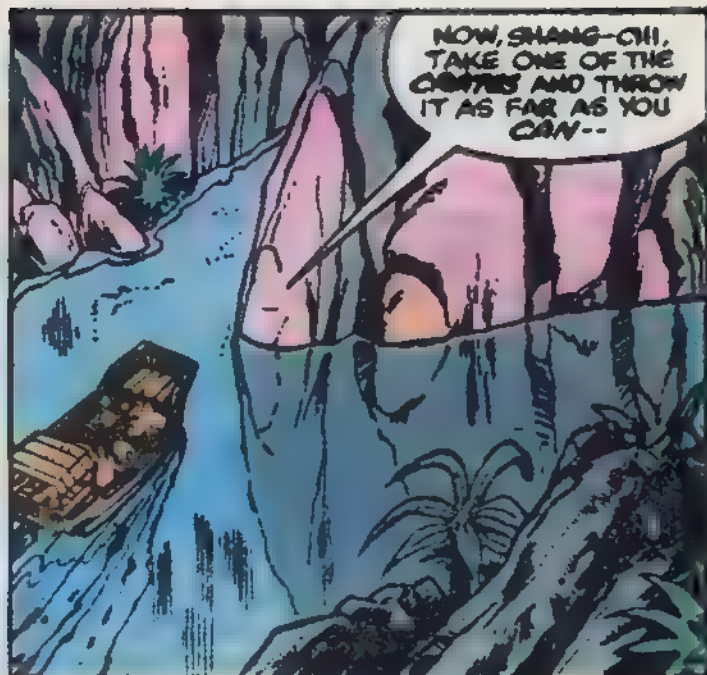
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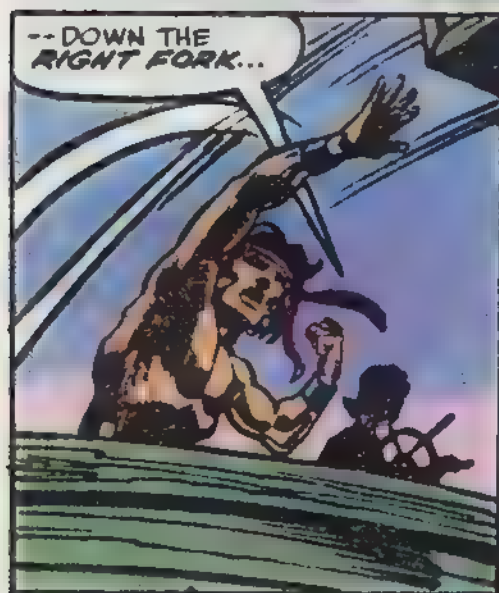
YES, PAVANE, BUT JUST THIS *ONE* CRATE WAS LEFT IN THE STOREHOUSE.

BUT... THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE AFTER. THAT'S JUST... WHAT? A BRICK OF MARIJUANA?

YES, PAVANE... BUT IT IS ALSO FAR MORE.



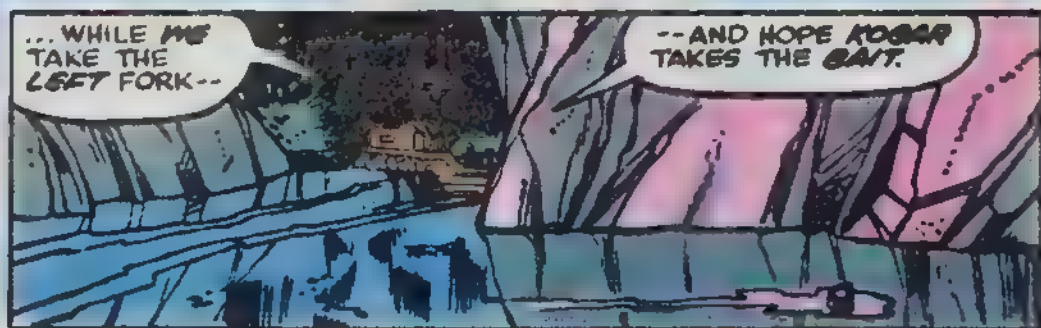
NOW, SHANG-CHI, TAKE ONE OF THE CRATES AND THROW IT AS FAR AS YOU CAN--



--DOWN THE RIGHT FORK...

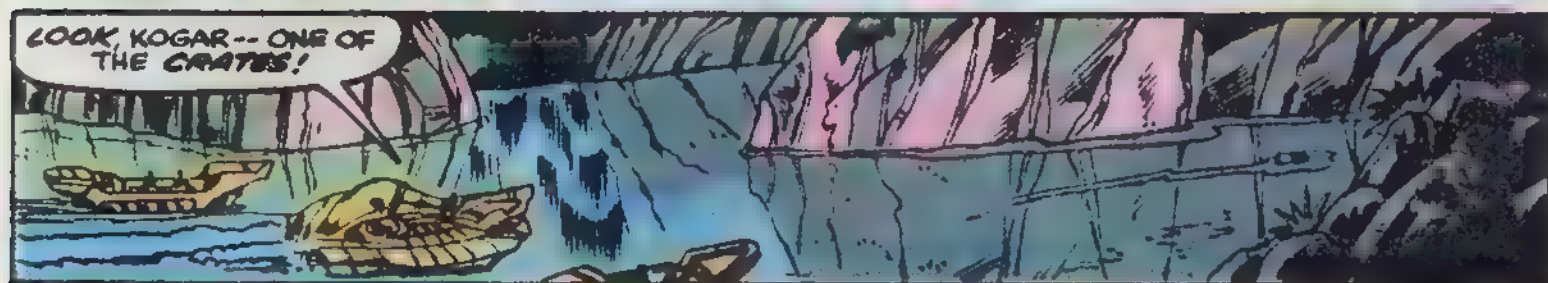


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... WHILE *ME* TAKE THE LEFT FORK--

--AND HOPE KOGAR TAKES THE *BAIT*.

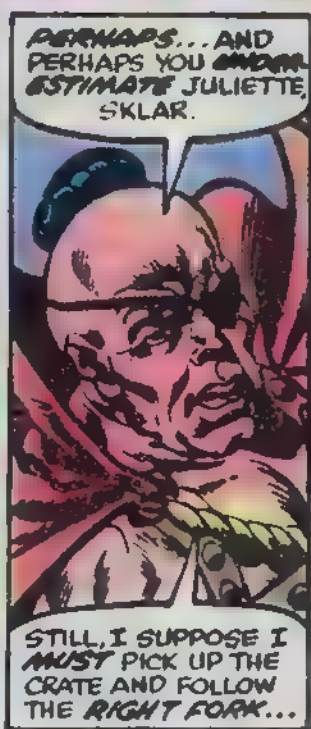


LOOK, KOGAR-- ONE OF THE CRATES!



IT MUST HAVE FALLEN OFF THEIR BOAT!

THEY WENT DOWN THE RIGHT FORK!



PERHAPS... AND PERHAPS YOU *WONDER* ESTIMATE JULIETTE SKLAR.

STILL, I SUPPOSE I *MUST* PICK UP THE CRATE AND FOLLOW THE RIGHT FORK...



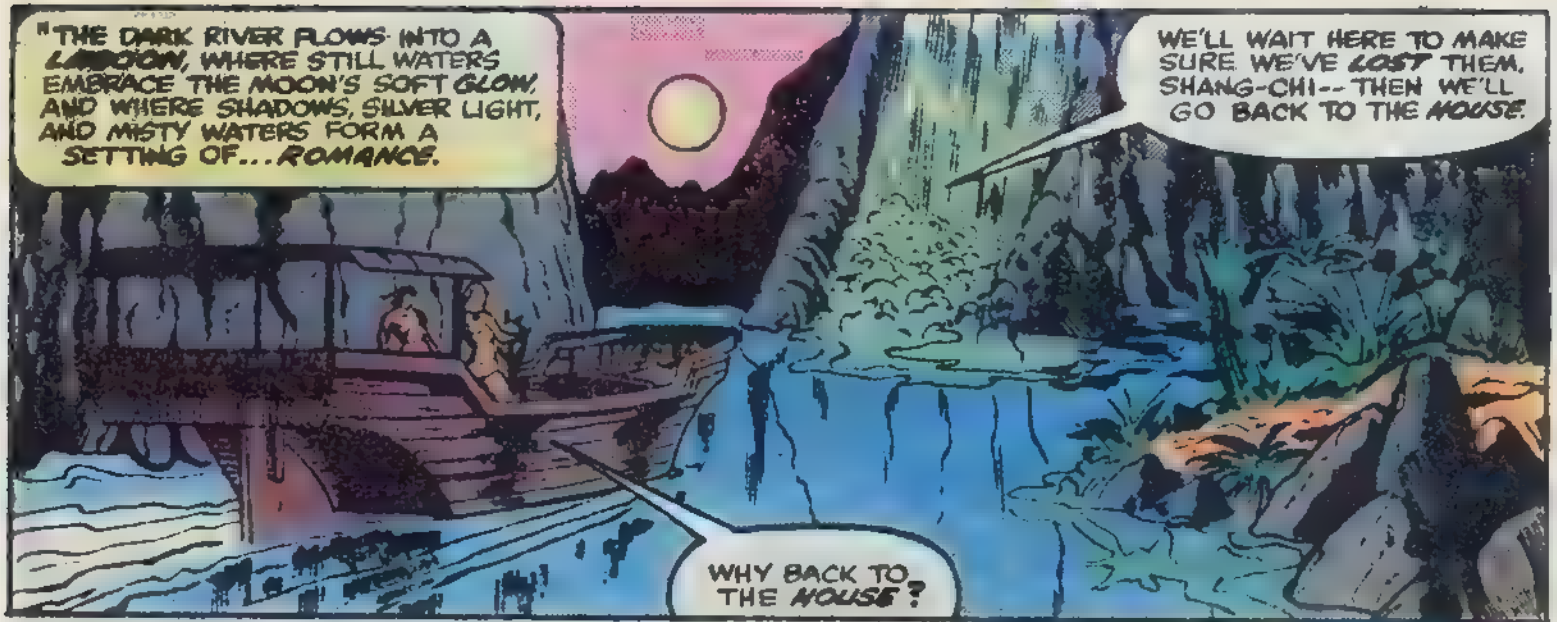
...BUT YOUR CRAFT WILL GO DOWN THE LEFT FORK.

JUST IN CASE.



AND I'M SURE BLACK JACK BLUE WILL FIND MY STRATEGIC DECISION *QUITE APPROPRIATE*. EH, SKLAR?

HEE HEE HEE.



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WE'LL WAIT HERE TO MAKE SURE WE'VE **LOST** THEM, SHANG-CHI-- THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO THE HOUSE.

WHY BACK TO THE HOUSE?



IT'S **EMPTY** NOW, AND IT'S THE LAST PLACE THEY'LL LOOK FOR US. BESIDES, THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE WE CAN GO.

"SHE IS... **CONVINCING**.



THE WOUNDS ON YOUR **BACK**...?

SORE... BUT LET'S JUST **REST** NOW, UNTIL **FIRST LIGHT**.



"YES... A **ROMANTIC** SETTING.

I FEEL SO... **COMFUSED**, SHANG-CHI... DON'T KNOW **HOW** I FEEL.

WHAT **HAPPENED** BETWEEN YOU AND SHEN KUEI?



I... SHOULD HAVE **KNOWN** IT COULD NEVER WORK.

I **DID** KNOW, BUT I JUST COULDN'T **FACE** IT. I WAS STILL... **ENCHANTED**.



HOW DID YOU KNOW? BECAUSE SHEN KUEI IS **CHINESE** AND YOU ARE--?

NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT. IT WAS BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T **LISTEN** TO ME. THE ONLY THING HE COULD "**HEAR**" WAS...

...THE **KNIFE**.



"HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN **LOVE**... NOT **TRUE** LOVE. HE BELIEVED ONLY IN THAT **KNIFE**...

BELIEVE ME, SHEN KUEI-- TELL ME TO LAY DOWN THE **KNIFE**!

BELIEVE IN MY **LOVE**--OR WITNESS MY **DEATH**!

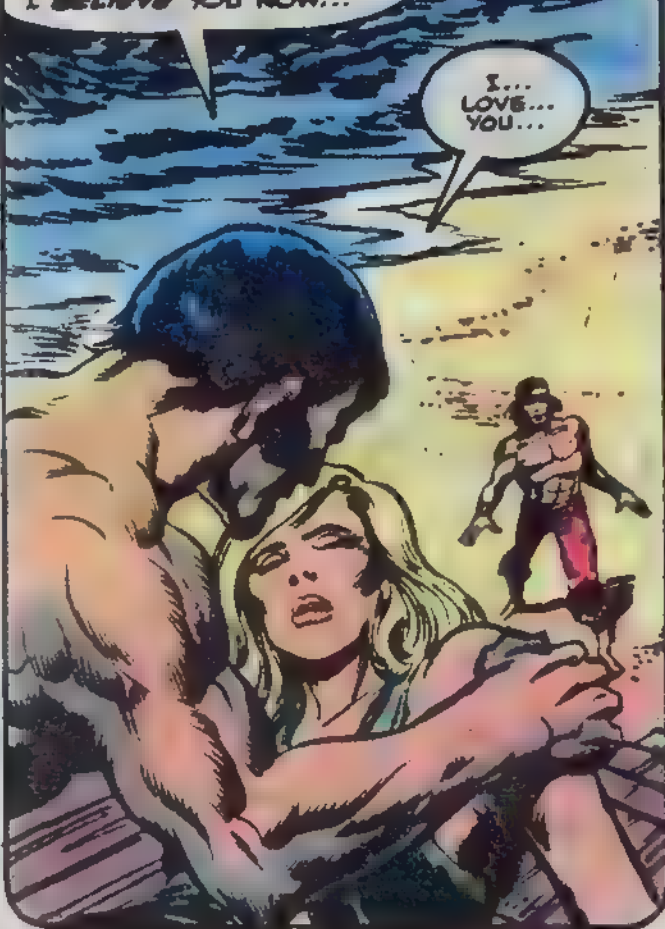
"IF HE COULDN'T LOVE ME... WITHOUT SEEING MY BLOOD... THEN HOW MUCH LONGER COULD IT LAST? HOW MUCH LONGER COULD I BLOOD FOR HIM?"



"I WOULD HAVE DIED FOR HIM--GLADLY-- BUT I COULDN'T KEEP BLEEDING FOR HIM, OVER AND OVER AGAIN... DYING IN LITTLE PIECES... EACH TIME HE FELT HIS SMALL DOUBTS."

FORGIVE ME, JULIETTE-- I BELIEVE YOU NOW...

I... LOVE... YOU...



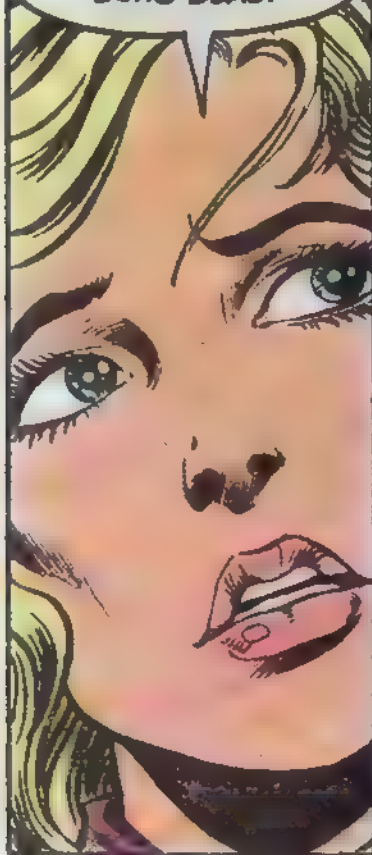
I CAN STILL FEEL THE SCAR, SHANG-CHI. IT'S A SCAR THAT WILL NEVER HEAL-- THAT JUST KEEPS... GROWING.

BUT THAT WAS ALL BEFORE THE FACT-- BEFORE I DISCOVERED THAT SHEN WAS AGAIN INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNIST CHINESE... IN SOMETHING EVIL.



IT JUST MADE MY DECISION TO INTERCEPT THE SMUGGLING SHIP--MENT A LITTLE... FASTER.

THEN, OF COURSE, THERE WAS ~~PAVANE~~... AND THAT KILLED IT FOR GOOD... EVEN THOUGH I I KNEW IT WAS ALREADY LONG DEAD.



AND NOW... WELL, I NEED SOMETHING... SOMEONE... SOMETHING GOOD, TO CANCEL OUT-- OR AT LEAST MAKE ME FORGET-- THE BAD...

...THE FEELING OF LOVING SOMETHING... THAT DOESN'T DESERVE LOVE.



"SHE HAS REACHED OUT..."

"SHE HAS TOUCHED ME..."

"AND NOW, HER LIPS PARTED AND SOFTLY TREMBLING, SHE WHISPERS. I DO NOT WANT TO TURN AWAY FROM THIS, BUT... I CANNOT FORGET--"





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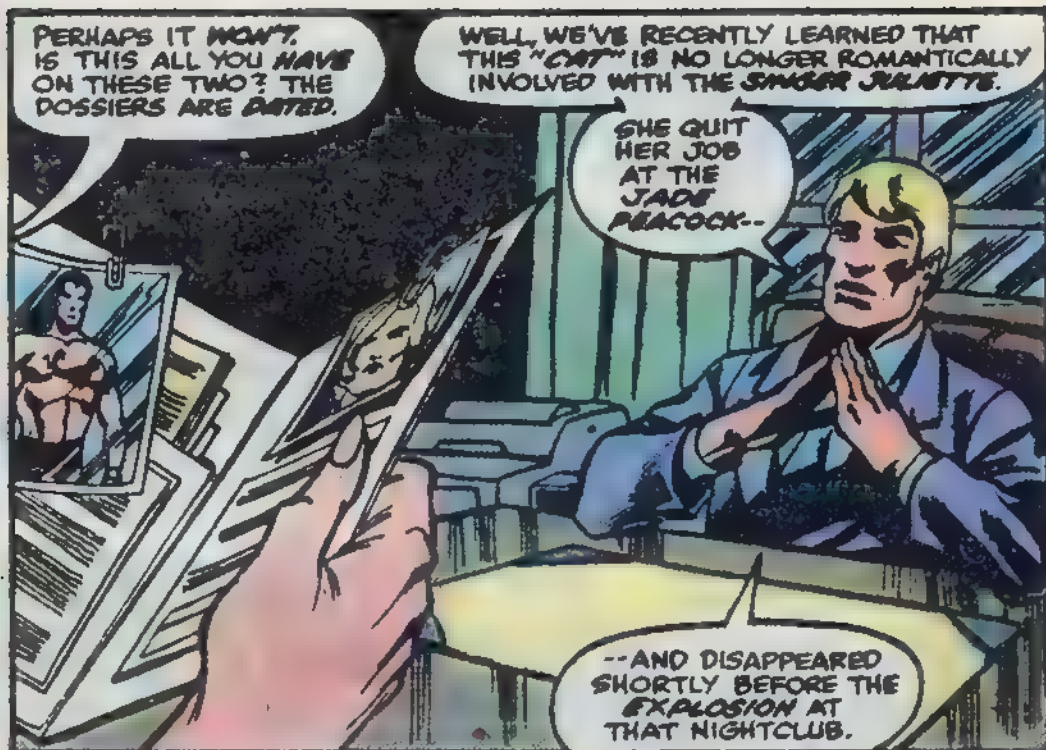
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"--LEMO."

--DON'T SEE HOW THAT WILL HELP YOU FIND THIS "SHANG-CHI" YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



PERHAPS IT WON'T. IS THIS ALL YOU HAVE ON THESE TWO? THE DOSSIER'S ARE DATED.

WELL, WE'VE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THIS "CAT" IS NO LONGER ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH THE SINGER JULIETTE.

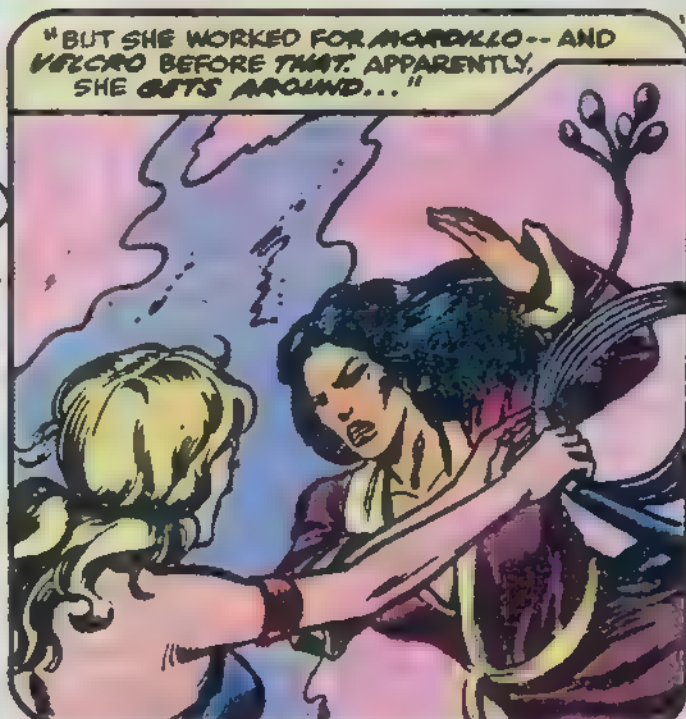
SHE QUIT HER JOB AT THE JADE PEACOCK--

--AND DISAPPEARED SHORTLY BEFORE THE EXPLOSION AT THAT NIGHTCLUB.



AND "CAT" IS NOW WITH A "PAVANE."

PAVANE--?!



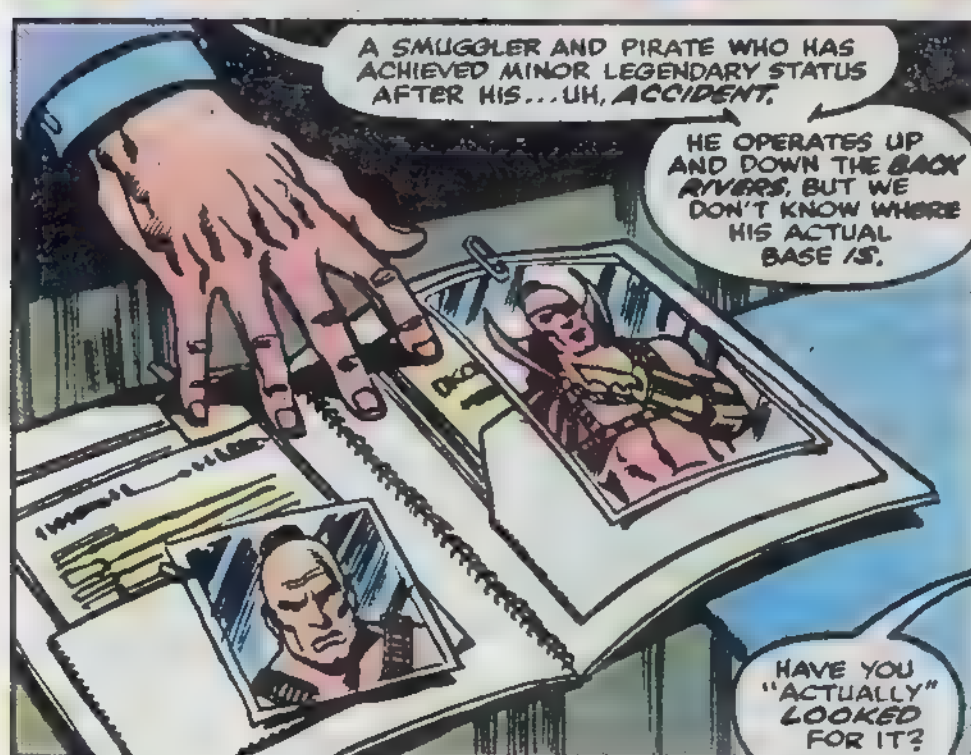
"BUT SHE WORKED FOR MORDILLO-- AND VELCRO BEFORE THAT. APPARENTLY, SHE GETS AROUND..."



ANYTHING ELSE?

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HAVE YOU "ACTUALLY" LOOKED FOR IT?



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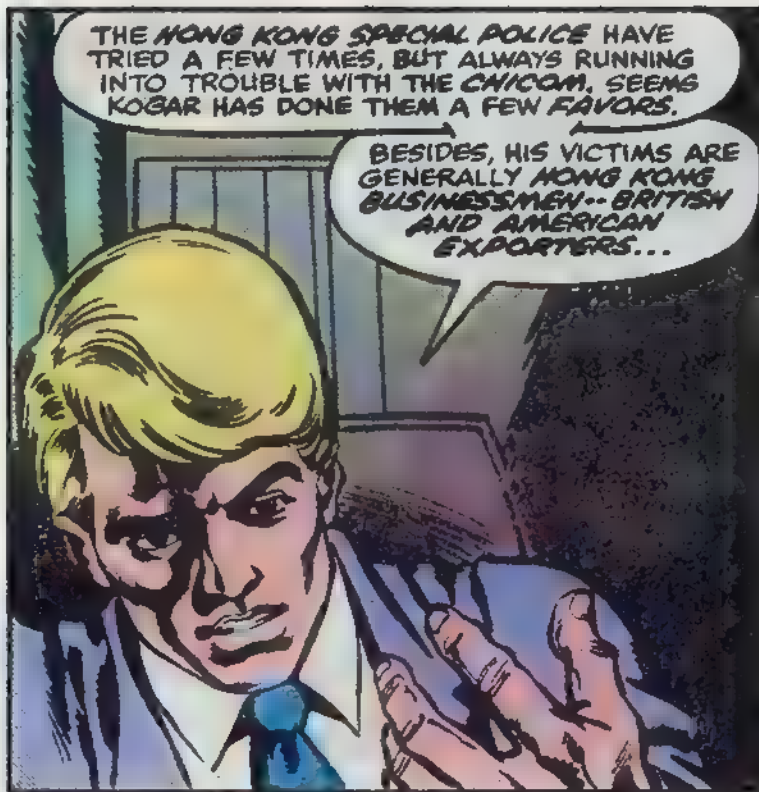
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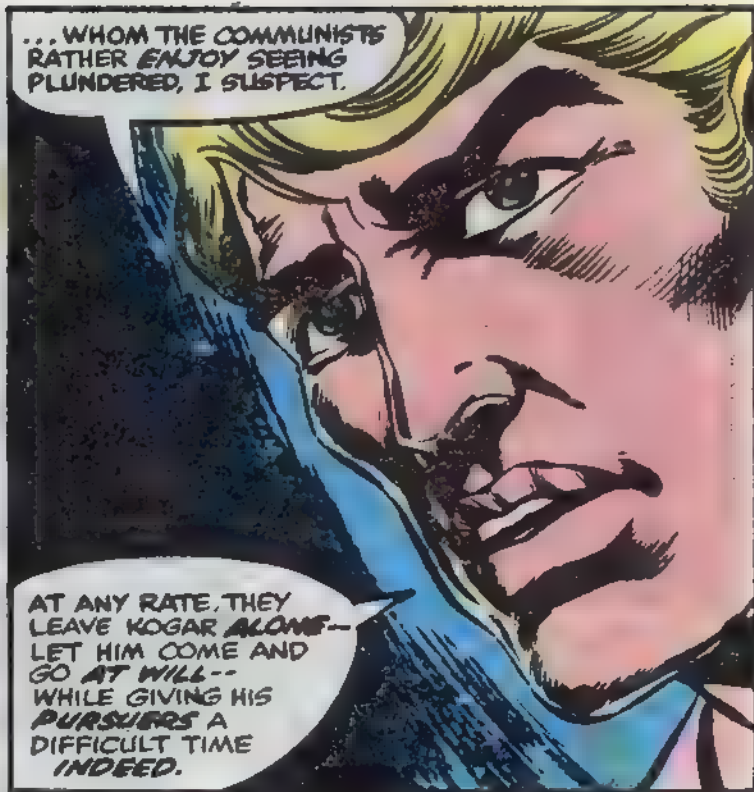
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THE HONG KONG SPECIAL POLICE HAVE TRIED A FEW TIMES, BUT ALWAYS RUNNING INTO TROUBLE WITH THE CHICOM. SEEMS KOGAR HAS DONE THEM A FEW FAVORS.

BESIDES, HIS VICTIMS ARE GENERALLY HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN--BRITISH AND AMERICAN EXPORTERS...



...WHOM THE COMMUNISTS RATHER ENJOY SEEING PLUNDERED, I SUSPECT.

AT ANY RATE, THEY LEAVE KOGAR ALONE--LET HIM COME AND GO AT WILL--WHILE GIVING HIS PURSUERS A DIFFICULT TIME INDEED.



YOU SAID "MOST" OF HIS OPERATIONS ARE PETTY.

YES... WELL, THERE'S SOME EVIDENCE HE MAY BE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN SOME INTERNATIONAL NASTINESS WHICH SEEMS TO BE BREWING.

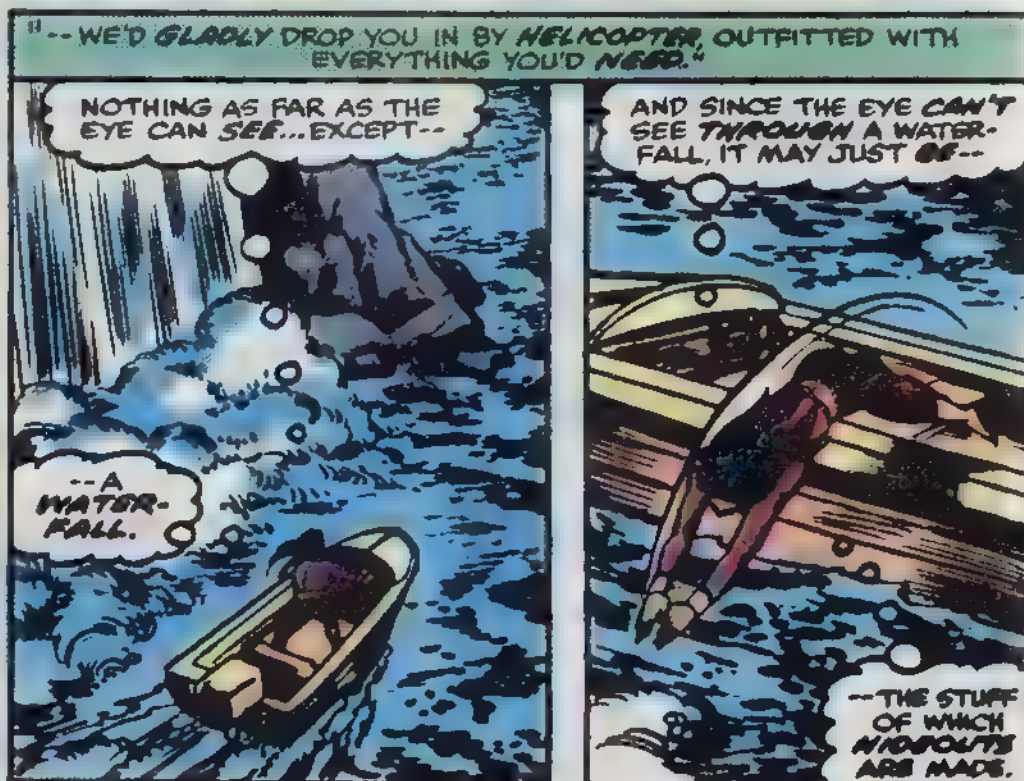
DIDN'T NAYLAND SMITH TELL YOU ABOUT IT?

NO, I CAME HERE ON MY OWN, ON PERSONAL BUSINESS. BUT WHY AREN'T YOU TRYING TO FIND THIS KOGAR NOW?



SAME OLD PROBLEMS--LACK OF AUTHORITY, TERRITORIAL RIGHTS. OF COURSE, A SINGLE SECRET OPERATIVE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT. UNFORTUNATELY, NONE ARE AVAILABLE...

...UNLESS YOU'D CARE TO VOLUNTEER, MISS WU? IF SO--



--WE'D GLADLY DROP YOU IN BY HELICOPTER, OUTFITTED WITH EVERYTHING YOU'D NEED.

NOTHING AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE...EXCEPT--

--A WATER-FALL.

AND SINCE THE EYE CAN'T SEE THROUGH A WATER-FALL, IT MAY JUST BE--

--THE STUFF OF WHICH MYSTERY IS MADE.



THIS "SHANG-CHI" MUST BE QUITE A FELLOW-- YOU'RE THE SECOND ONES ASKING ABOUT HIM ON MY SHIFT.



A FEMALE AGENT NAMED LEIKO MU JUST LEFT IN SEARCH OF HIM ABOUT--

LEIKO?! HERE IN HONG KONG--?

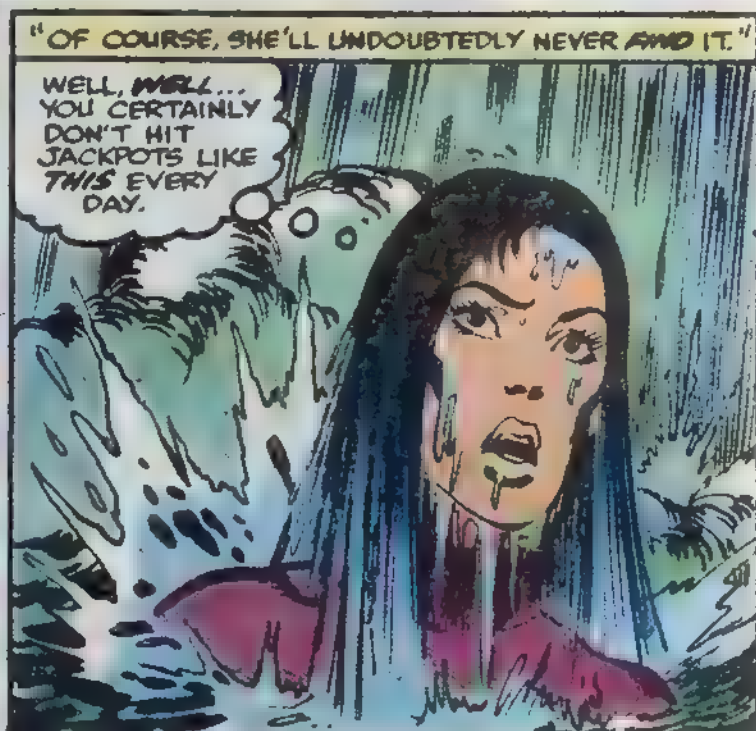
WHY, YES...



"WE OUTFITTED HER FOR A LITTLE EXPEDITION DOWN ONE OF THE BACK RIVERS-- LOOKING FOR THE ~~REMAINS~~ A PIRATE NAMED AOGAR.

SOMETHING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILLS, ALL RIGHT. THE MOUNTAIN'S HOLLOW--

-- FILLED WITH WATER... A LAGOON.



"OF COURSE, SHE'LL UNDOUBTEDLY NEVER FIND IT."

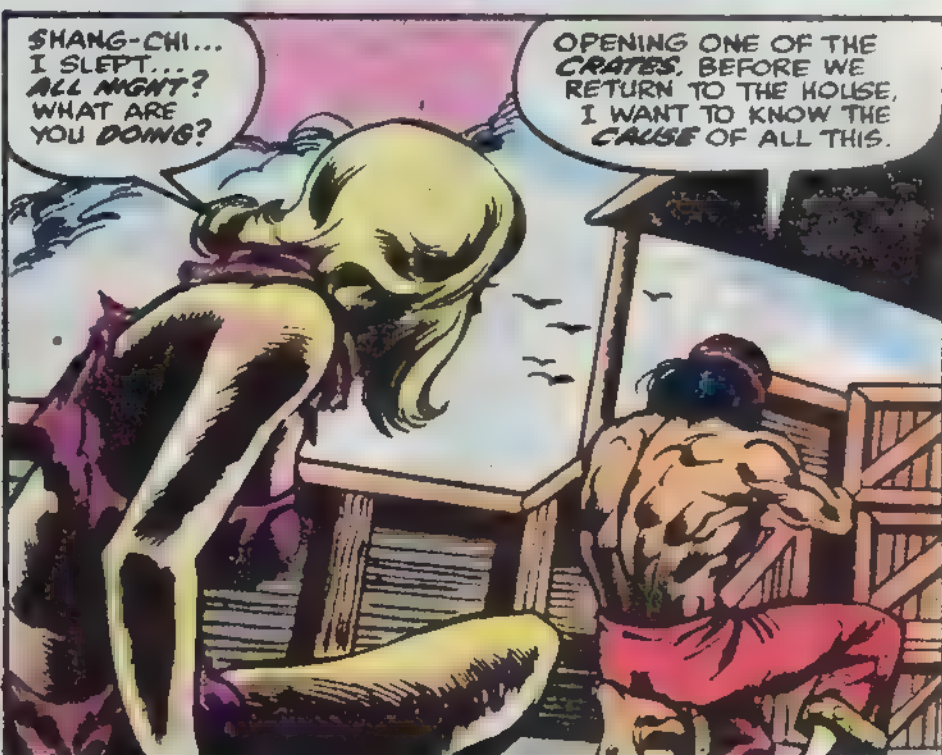
WELL, WELL... YOU CERTAINLY DON'T HIT JACKPOTS LIKE THIS EVERY DAY.



"THE WATERS HAVE TURNED RED..."

JULIETTE... IT'S DAWN.

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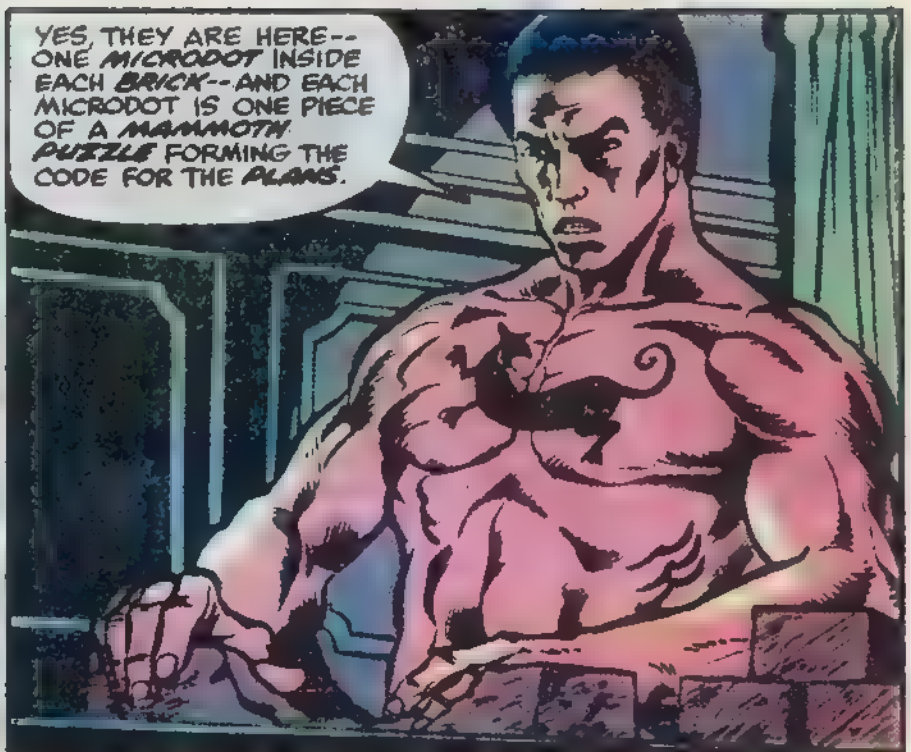
SHANG-CHI... I SLEPT... ALL NIGHT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

OPENING ONE OF THE CRATES, BEFORE WE RETURN TO THE HOUSE, I WANT TO KNOW THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS.



"BUT INSIDE... CAN IT BE?"

BRICKS OF...
HASHISH? ALL
THIS FOR...
FOR DRUGS--?



YES, THEY ARE HERE--
ONE MICRODOT INSIDE
EACH BRICK--AND EACH
MICRODOT IS ONE PIECE
OF A MAMMOTH
PUZZLE FORMING THE
CODE FOR THE PLANS.



BUT WITH TWENTY BRICKS IN EACH CRATE,
I NOW HAVE BUT TWENTY OF THE MICRO-
DOTS-- TWENTY OF SOME FIVE-THOUSAND
SEPARATE PIECES TO THE PUZZLE.

AND WITHOUT THE
REST, PAVANE,
THESE TWENTY ARE
WORTHLESS.

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SHEN KUEI --
WE'LL GET
THE REST.

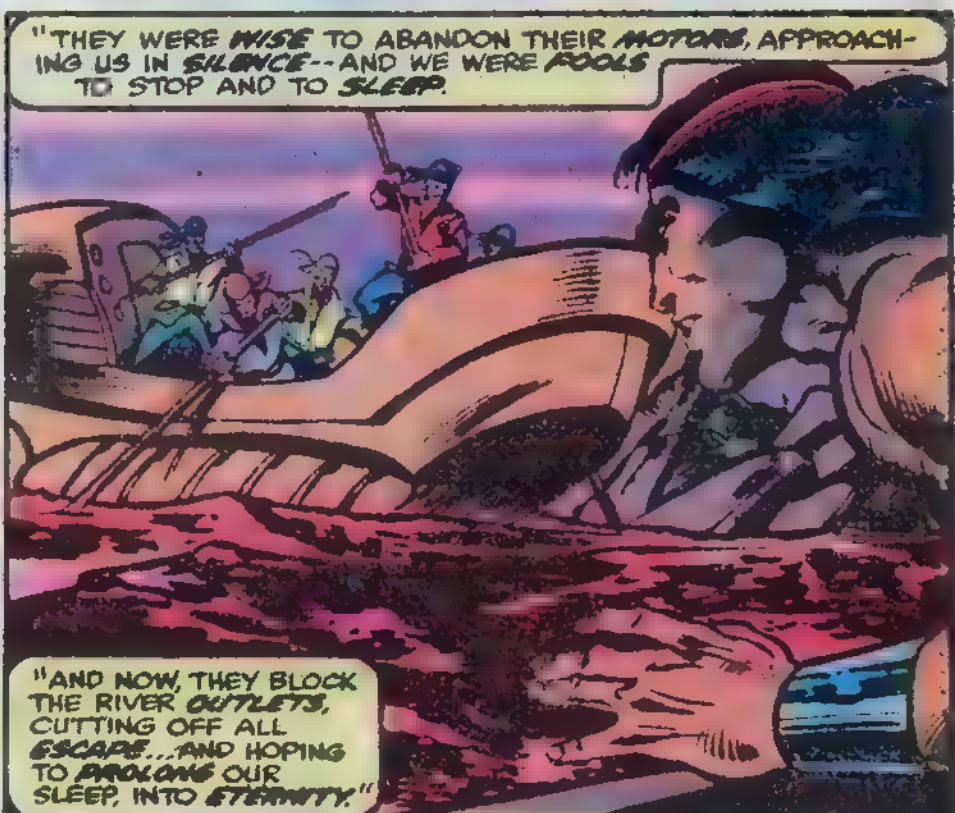


"BUT IF THE CRATES HOLD NOTHING BUT--

THERE
THEY ARE!!

"NO!"

GET
DOWN,
JULIETTE!



"THEY WERE WISE TO ABANDON THEIR MOTORS, APPROACH-
ING US IN SILENCE--AND WE WERE FOOLS
TO STOP AND TO SLEEP.

"AND NOW, THEY BLOCK
THE RIVER OUTLETS,
CUTTING OFF ALL
ESCAPE...AND HOPING
TO PROLONG OUR
SLEEP, INTO ETERNITY."

NEXT ISSUE

THE BEGINNING
OF THE
END--

DARK ENCOUNTERS

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Well, it's happened again! For the umpteenth time I take pen in hand (or, more accurately, typewriter in paw!) to announce an earth-shattering change of editors here at the blissful Bullpen! Good ol' Archie Goodwin seems to have been bitten by the same bug that previously afflicted Rascally Roy, Marvelous Mary, and a multitude of other Marvel editors; namely, the guy wants to devote his time to writing rather than editing. Much as we love 'im, we can't really complain, 'cause Available Archie is as good a scripter as you'll ever find, and it simply means we'll be getting more and better yarns from him from now on. Anyway, we really lucked out by having our associate editor, Jim "Treadler" Shooter available to take over in Archibald's place. Thus, we regretfully announce that Archie Goodwin has stepped down as editor. We joyfully announce that Arch will now be writing his happy little heart out for us. And, we enthusiastically announce that Jim Shooter will henceforth be Marvel's editor-in-chief, a position, as all True Believers know, second only to Jimmy Carter's in power and prestige! Jim, who's been part of the Bullpen for two years now, is a real triple-threat. He's an artist, writer, editor, he helps Jazzy Johnny and me plot the Spidey newspaper strip, and he's the tallest guy in the business. (The last being vitally important when you have to repair a ceiling light bulb!) So, best of luck to Archie, to Jim, and to all of you, our real readers! No matter who does what in our goofy little game of Marvel musical chairs, all that matters is the end result—giving you the greatest reading enjoyment possible, and providing a never-ending source of fun and excitement to the howling hordes of Marvel! Oh, the final note. Tell Irving Forbush not to worry, Jim. He can still keep his key to the executive washroom!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! The bitter winter storm currently paralyzing Manhattan has done nothing to dampen the warm welcome proffered by Stalwart Marvel Staffers to Rascally RICHARD MARSHALL, and Sardin' BOB HALL who join Retired ROGER STERN (is he still here?) as Marvel Associate Editors. Also joining the Betty Bullpen amid proper pomp and ceremony is Masterful MARK GRUENWALD, our newest Assistant Editor. While battle-scarred ex-slaves Ralph Macchio, Mary Jo Duffy and Jim Salicrup help the new-comers adjust, Roger Stern has been trying to talk recently-enslaved Editor-in-Chief Jim Shooter down off his cloud!

ITEM! Familiar faces in new places is the order of the day in the Production Depart-

ment. Liltin' LENNY GROW has been named Production Manager, while Dependable DAVE COHEN has moved over from the British Department to fill Lenny's previous position as Assistant Production Manager. And now, if everyone has made the proper notations on his or her Marvel Scorecard...!

ITEM! It seems that both the *Amazing Spider-Man* and *The Incredible Hulk* T.V. specials which aired last fall were the smash sensations we knew they'd be. To the surprise of virtually no one, both the Hulk and Spider-Man debut this spring as major prime time CBS T.V. series! As you read this, the *Incredible Hulk* show should already be part of your regular Friday night viewing fare. Spider-Man begins Wednesday, April 6th. Watch it, and tell 'em the Armadillo sent ya!

ITEM! While you're at it, be sure to watch for the *Dr. Strange* T.V. special, also coming up in early April! The Master Mage's adventures are being adapted to the television format with care and respect by a talented gentleman named Phillip DeGuerre, and the show is sure to be terrific! Check your local listings and don't miss a minute!

ITEM! Late word has it that the *Savage Sub-Mariner* T.V. special will also be broadcast in early spring. We'll pass the info along as we hear it!

ITEM! There's still more exciting news from the West Coast! Rascally ROY THOMAS, all around nice guy and recent winner of the prestigious *Eagle Award* for best comics writer, has taken over the writing reins of THE MIGHTY THOR, much to the delight of the Bullpen's many mythology mavens. Though peerless penciler WALT SIMONSON has been sidetracked by special projects (some too secret to even mention yet!) and an overwhelming need for rest, and Trailblazin' TONY DEZUNIGA has been shanghaied to perform his usual inking miracles on a myriad of other titles, Roy has managed to re-unite the team of Big JOHN BUSCEMA and Terrific TOM PALMER to handle the art chores. You may remember that a while back, Roy, John and Tom conspired to create several AVENGERS epics about which comics connoisseurs are still raving.

ITEM! Meanwhile, the creative big guns of the East haven't exactly been silent. Strap yourself in and take a wild ride with *Nova*, the *Human Rocket*, if you doubt us. When your fingers stop trembling, pick up the latest issue of SPIDER-WOMAN and discover why Marvelous MARY WOLFGAN has been chained to his typewriter by the Bullpen on mase. And no, it's not because he keeps losing the darn thing.

ITEM! As if the hectic business of producing several dozeh of the best comics anywhere every month weren't enough to keep an army busy, the Bullpen is embroiled in near civil war over a burning issue which has come to be called *The Cheerful Chris Controversy*. One faction has it that ace writer Chris Claremont's official Marvel Appellation should be *Cheerful* Chris, while the other holds that since one does not pronounce the *Ch* sound in "Chris", it should be the more alliterative *Charismatic*

Chris. Arguments rage and tempers flare - and as for Carefree Chris? He's so busy admiring the superb STAR-LORD art pages recently received from Charmin' CARMINE INFANTINO (hmm!) that he just sits in his corner, chortling!

ITEM! Speaking of pronunciation problems, controversy is still rife over the name of one of Marvel's all-time favorite bad guys, namely Magneto, evil master of magnetism. Is it Mag-net-o, as in magnet, or Mag-net-o, like the familiar electrical device? It was Stan the Man who created Maggy a few years back, but even he's not certain anymore.

ITEM! One thing about which there is no controversy these days is the Daringly Different DEFENDERS. Everyone seems to agree that DAVE (the Dude) KRAFT and Energetic ED HANNIGAN have a knack for the utterly outrageous. Timid types beware! (I mind-boggling new concepts and overt originality tend to upset you, do not read the Defenders. Buy it anyway, just don't read it.

ITEM! Previously mentioned Ed Hannigan, our resident Renaissance man, is now writing regularly as well as penciling. Check out *POWER MAN AND IRON FIST* #52, on sale soon, and be prepared to be impressed!



ITEM! Lately, just outside Delightful DAVE COCKRUM's room here at Mighty Marvel, strange phenomena known as *Caption Contests* have been mysteriously appearing on the corridor walls. For the uninitiated, caption contests are odd photos clipped from newspapers or magazines, taped up above a blank sheet of paper upon which participants jot down strange bits of humor inspired by the picture. Some of these contests have become masterpieces of insanity, drawing literally hundreds of funny entries. The prize? A no-prize, of course. Maybe someday we can share the best of the best with Marveldom assembled in the pages of FOOM.

ITEM! Surely by now, everyone has subscribed to FOOM? No? Who's the holdout? And, for heavens sake why? You're missing a high-quality magazine Kiasily Krafted by Dave the Dude and utterly indispensable to anyone interested in the works of Mighty Marvel and the friendly folks behind them. Do yourself a favor, try it, okay? Sheesh!

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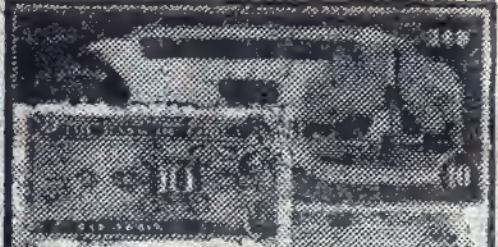
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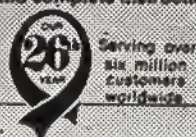
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